

House Resolution No. 446

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has brought much love and happiness into the lives of sick children; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton of Festus, Missouri, has been pushing his "Joy Cart" around the five floors of Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital twice a month since October of 2002; and

Whereas, an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Festus, Ethan Hampton was inspired to make his own "Joy Cart" by Jarrett Mynear, a thirteen-year-old boy whose own experiences with hospitals and illness had led him to deliver toys to sick children at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington until cancer took his life in 2002; and

Whereas, Ethan Hampton sent fifty letters to friends and relatives asking for donations for toys to fill his Joy Cart and received tremendous response from those he wrote as well as from the Missouri Highway Patrol's Troop C and the Toys R Us in south St. Louis County, which contributed a \$1,000 gift certificate; and

Whereas, at just nine years of age, Ethan Hampton derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from the smiles and thank you's he receives from the children he visits at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, bringing them a wide variety of toys, games, and other items of interest from which they can select something to keep as their own; and

Whereas, a talented hockey player and avid St. Louis Blues fan, Ethan Hampton is a caring and conscientious young man who has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his proud parents, Wade and Debbie Hampton, his sister, and his grandparents, who have had to build more shelves in their basement to store all the toys Ethan has received for his Joy Cart:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ethan Hampton for the kindness, compassion, and strength of spirit he brings to young patients at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital by way of his Joy Cart, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to brighten the lives of others through his extraordinary generosity; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ethan Hampton, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Wagner
District No. 104

Representative Mark C. Abel
District No. 103

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 446, adopted February 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker